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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 69.0 degrees, 1.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, August 26. Precipitation averaged 0.72 inches, this is the same as the historic level. The Northwest district received the most precipitation with 1.76 inches, while the Southeast district received the least at 0.32 inches. Growing degree days were 20 days below normal.

Reporters rated 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, August 24. This is 0.5 days less than last year and the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 31 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	4.7	6.1	96.6
2000	5.2	5.3	86.7
1996-2000 Average	5.2	5.2	96.0

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	11	31	54	4
Last Week	16	41	42	1
Same Week Last Year	1	8	79	12
1996-2000 Average	10	23	58	9

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 26

Reporters estimated that 81 percent of the **Corn** crop is in the dough stage. This is four days behind last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Thirty-six percent of the corn crop is dented. This is one day behind last year and four days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 11 percent complete. This is two days ahead of last year and nine days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The corn crop is two percent mature. This is two days behind last year and one day behind the 1996-00 average. Ninety-seven percent of the **Soybeans** are setting pods. This is one day ahead of last year and six days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Eight percent of the soybean crop are dropping leaves.

This is three days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 68 percent complete. This is one day behind last year and seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is ten percent complete. This is three days behind last year. **Other Hay** second cutting at 92 percent complete is four days ahead of last year and on schedule with the five-year average. Other hay third cutting is 39 percent complete. This is two days ahead of last year and seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 88 percent topped. This is one day behind last year. Seventeen percent of the tobacco crop has been harvested. This is six days behind last year. **Potatoes** are 49 percent harvested. This is five days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Cucumbers** are 67 percent harvested. This is eight days behind last year. **Processing Tomatoes** are 18 percent harvested. This is on schedule with last year and two days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Summer apples** are 81 percent harvested. This is four days behind last year and six days behind the 1996-00 average. **Peaches** are 75 percent harvested. This is eight days behind last year.

Activities throughout the state include plowing, mowing ditches, irrigating vegetables, spreading lime, cutting clover seed, waterway construction and preparation, baling hay and straw, repairing equipment, cutting firewood, hauling grain and manure, scouting fields for insects and diseases, clipping wheat stubble, seeding CRP filter strips and alfalfa fields, shearing Christmas trees, picking apples, peaches, and watermelons, harvesting corn silage, sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, and other vegetables, preparing and attending county fairs.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported insects included soybean aphids, spittle bugs, horse flies, face flies, deer flies, mosquitoes, spider mites, leaf hoppers, European Corn Borer, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include crabgrass, giant ragweeds, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state.

Reporters rated 43 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 54 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 59 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. The cooler temperatures and low humidity the past week has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 26

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	68	68	57	49	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	10	17	NA	3	NA
Corn dented	36	39	27	23	35
Corn harvested for silage	11	9	5	3	NA
Corn in dough	81	86	76	73	71
Corn mature	2	4	2	NA	NA
Cucumbers harvested	67	74	NA	62	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	92	90	92	89	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	39	37	29	33	NA
Peaches harvested	75	84	NA	70	NA
Potatoes harvested	49	38	35	44	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	18	18	16	5	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	8	5	4	7	NA
Soybeans setting pods	97	96	93	94	87
Summer apples harvested	81	83	85	79	NA
Tobacco harvested	17	21	NA	5	NA
Tobacco topped	88	88	NA	79	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 26

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	13	29	41	13
Previous Week	5	12	32	39	12
Previous Year	2	5	18	45	30
HAY					
Current Week	8	13	34	38	7
Previous Week	6	14	33	39	8
Previous Year	0	4	23	56	17
PASTURE					
Current Week	9	16	32	34	9
Previous Week	7	20	30	37	6
Previous Year	1	4	25	55	15
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	9	29	45	14
Previous Week	3	10	31	44	12
Previous Year	4	10	25	43	18

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 26

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	70.0	0.5	1.76	1.10	18.54	1.83	138	3	2491	154
North Central	68.9	-0.5	0.63	-0.06	14.67	-2.55	119	-17	2418	125
Northeast	68.2	0.0	0.47	-0.21	11.87	-5.52	114	-14	2265	93
West Central	69.5	-0.9	1.26	0.57	22.47	4.48	122	-19	2580	155
Central	68.6	-2.1	0.47	-0.30	19.27	0.56	116	-27	2601	149
Central Hills	67.9	-1.2	0.37	-0.32	16.16	-2.28	112	-21	2392	121
Northeast Hills	67.7	-1.6	0.41	-0.29	15.70	-2.54	111	-24	2366	57
Southwest	70.5	-1.5	0.65	-0.08	22.76	3.65	127	-23	2701	126
South Central	70.0	-2.2	0.68	-0.18	21.03	2.11	124	-28	2716	119
Southeast	68.4	-2.4	0.32	-0.40	19.37	0.47	115	-28	2532	80
STATE	69.0	-1.2	0.72	0.00	18.51	0.32	121	-20	2520	119

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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